

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 16, line 17 and carries over to Page 17, line 10 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- Use of the present invention enables, for example, a standard Hypertext Markup Language ("HTML") browser -- which performs a parsing and validation of input documents according to a standard (i.e., non-extended) HTML schema -- to validate and process an HTML page with Microsoft-specific extensions. Or, a standard "J2EE"TM (Java 2 Platform, Extended Edition) application server might want to validate and process an Enterprise JavaBeansTM ("EJB"TM) descriptor containing WebSphere[®] extensions. A WebSphere application server might choose to deploy Enterprise Archive ("EAR") files produced with BEA extensions in a standard fashion, such that the BEA extensions are validated but are not deployed with the EAR files. These scenarios are all made possible through use of the present invention. In other words, the extensions can be selectively ignored, so that objects adhering to the standard or base schema definition are produced for the consumer application even though an extended schema may be used in the parser's validation of the source document. ("J2EE", "Enterprise JavaBeans", and EJB" are trademarks of Sun Microsystems, Inc. "WebSphere" is a registered trademark of International Business Machines in the United States, other countries, or both.) --